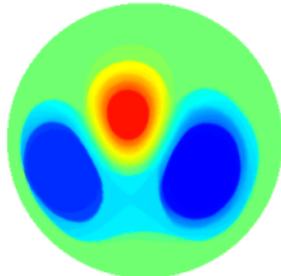
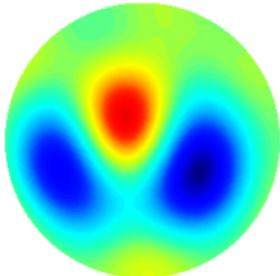


# Principles and practical tips for scientific visualization

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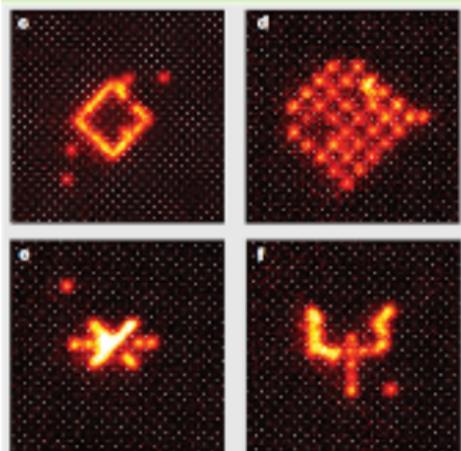
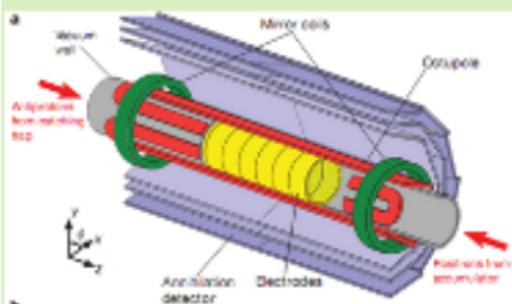
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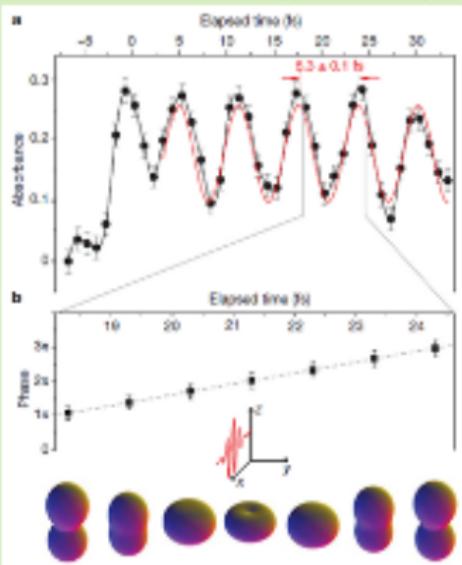
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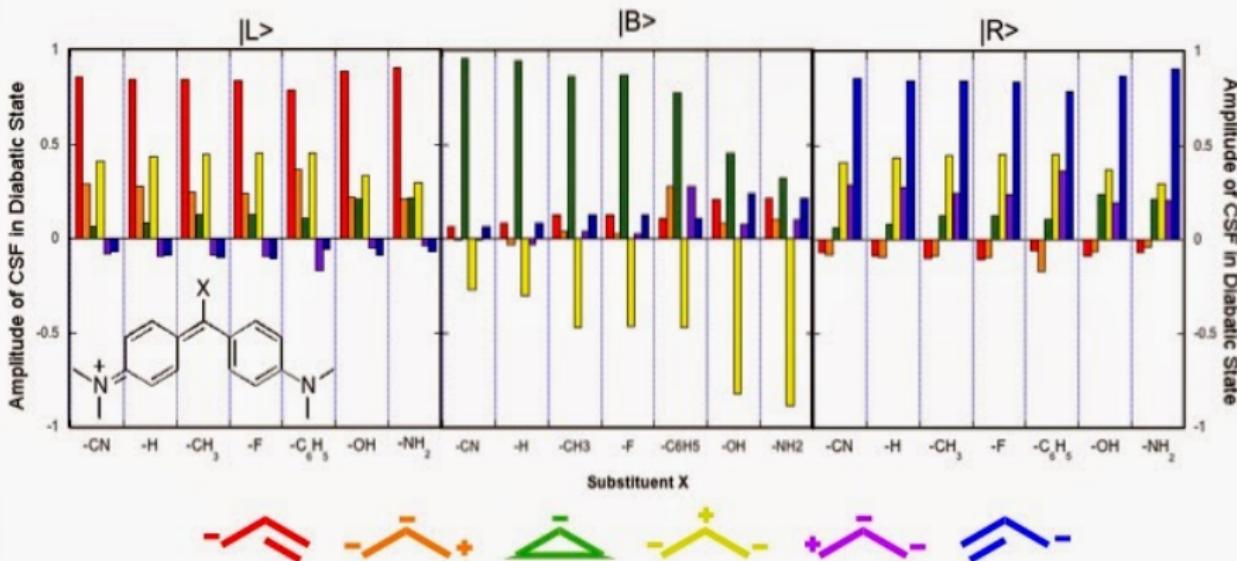
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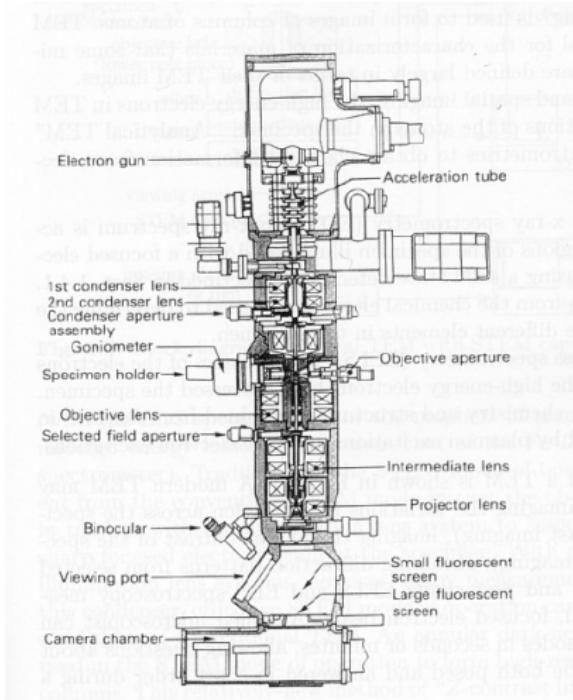
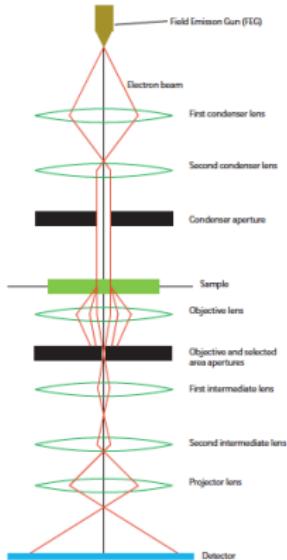


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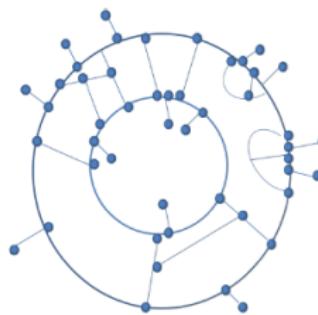
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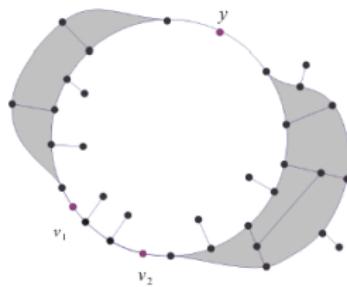


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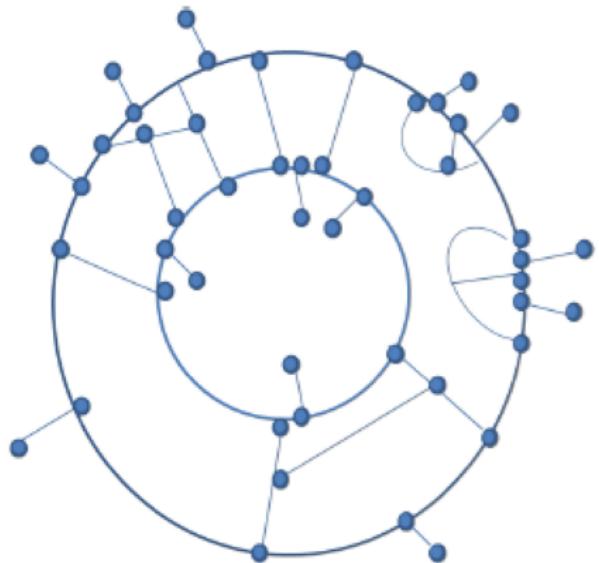


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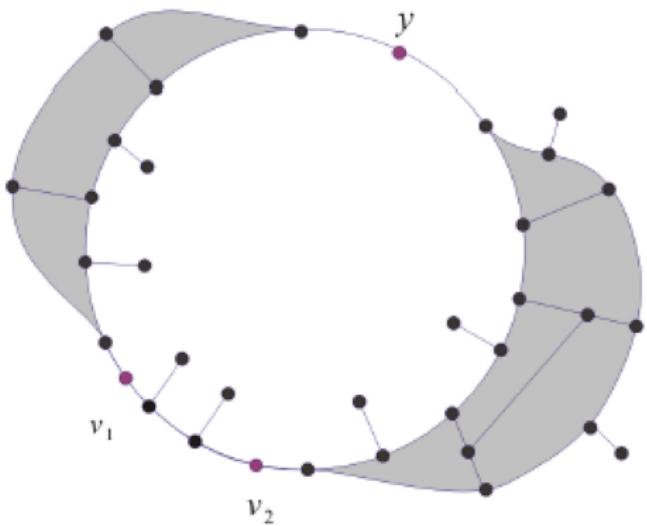


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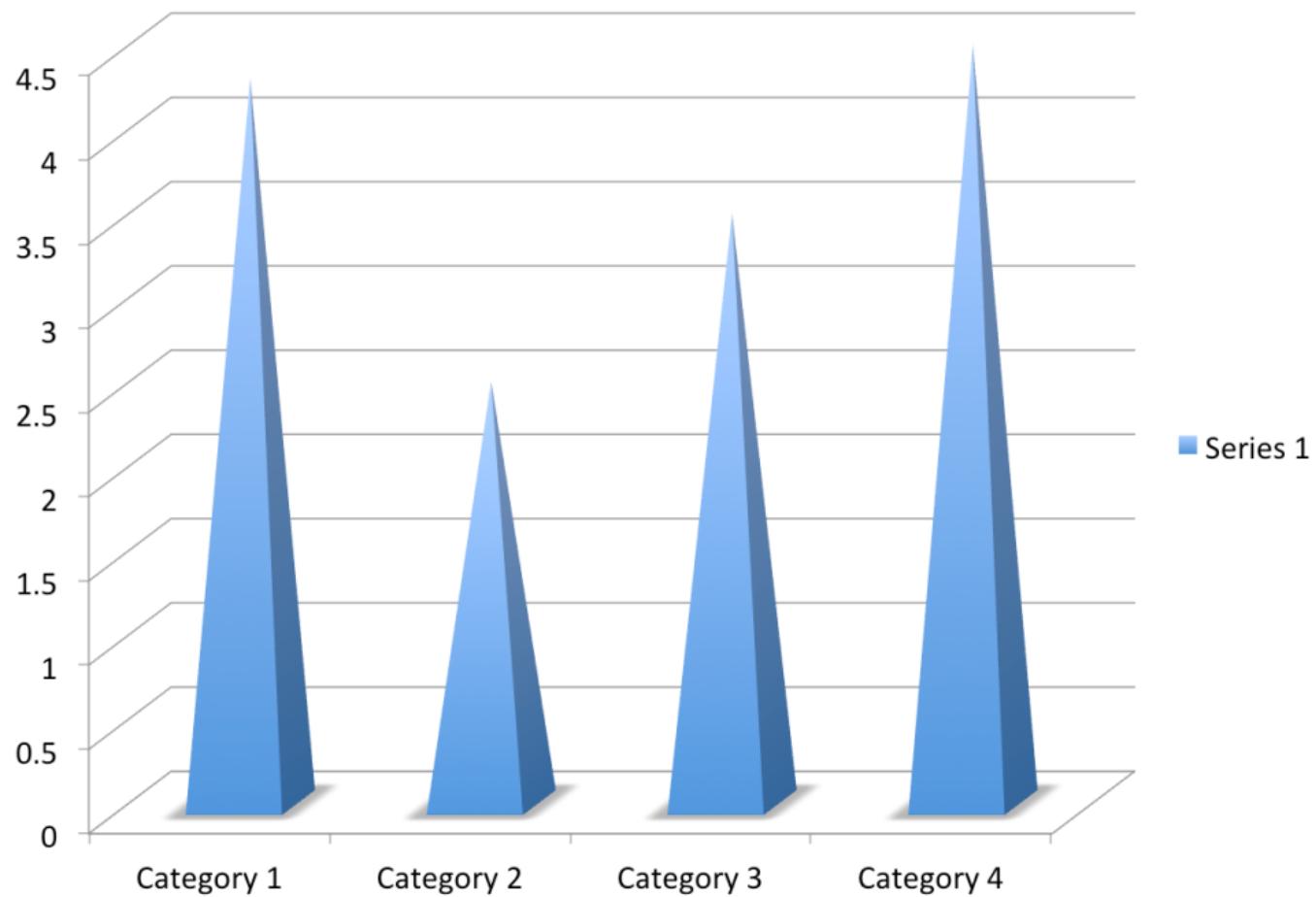
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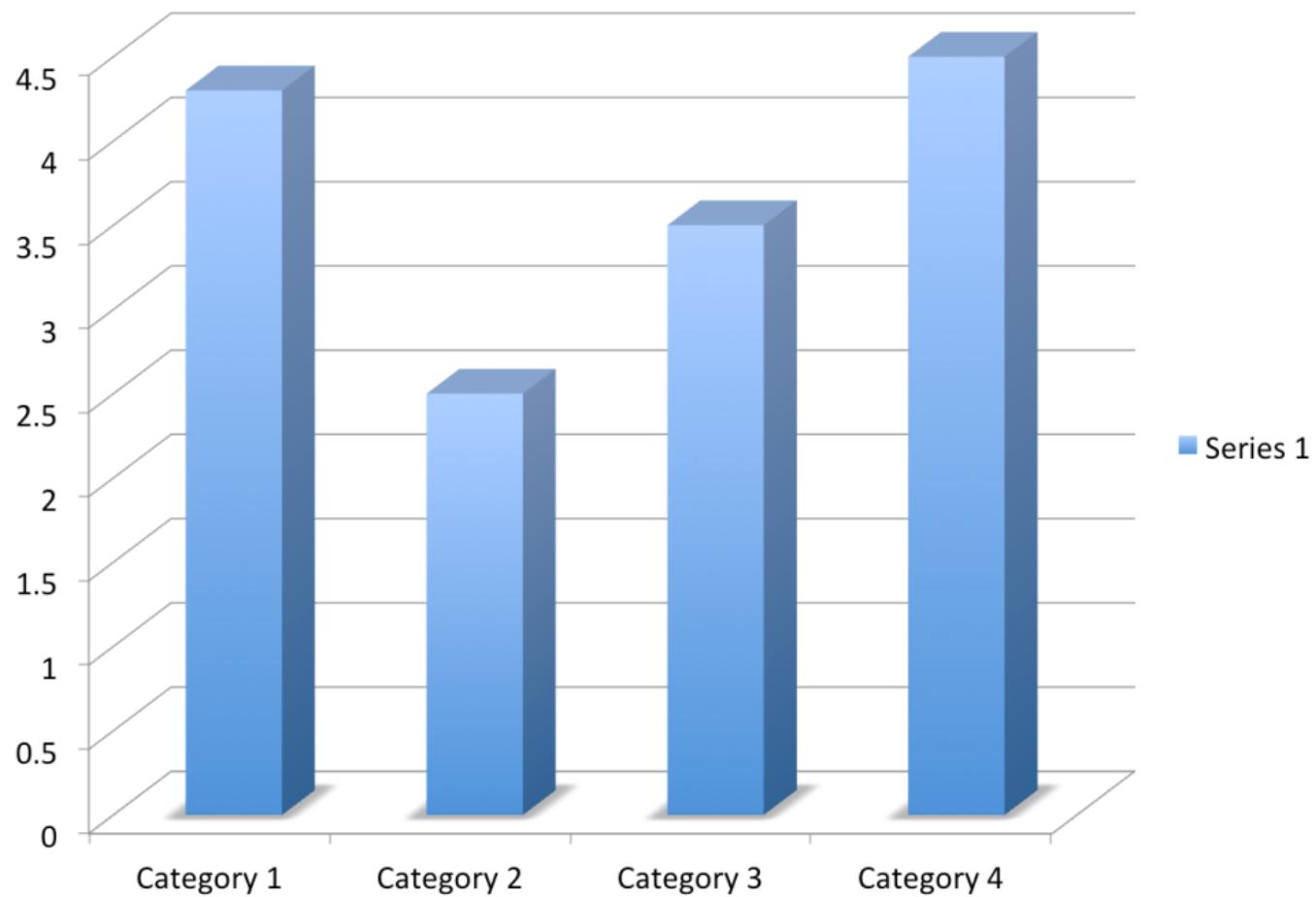
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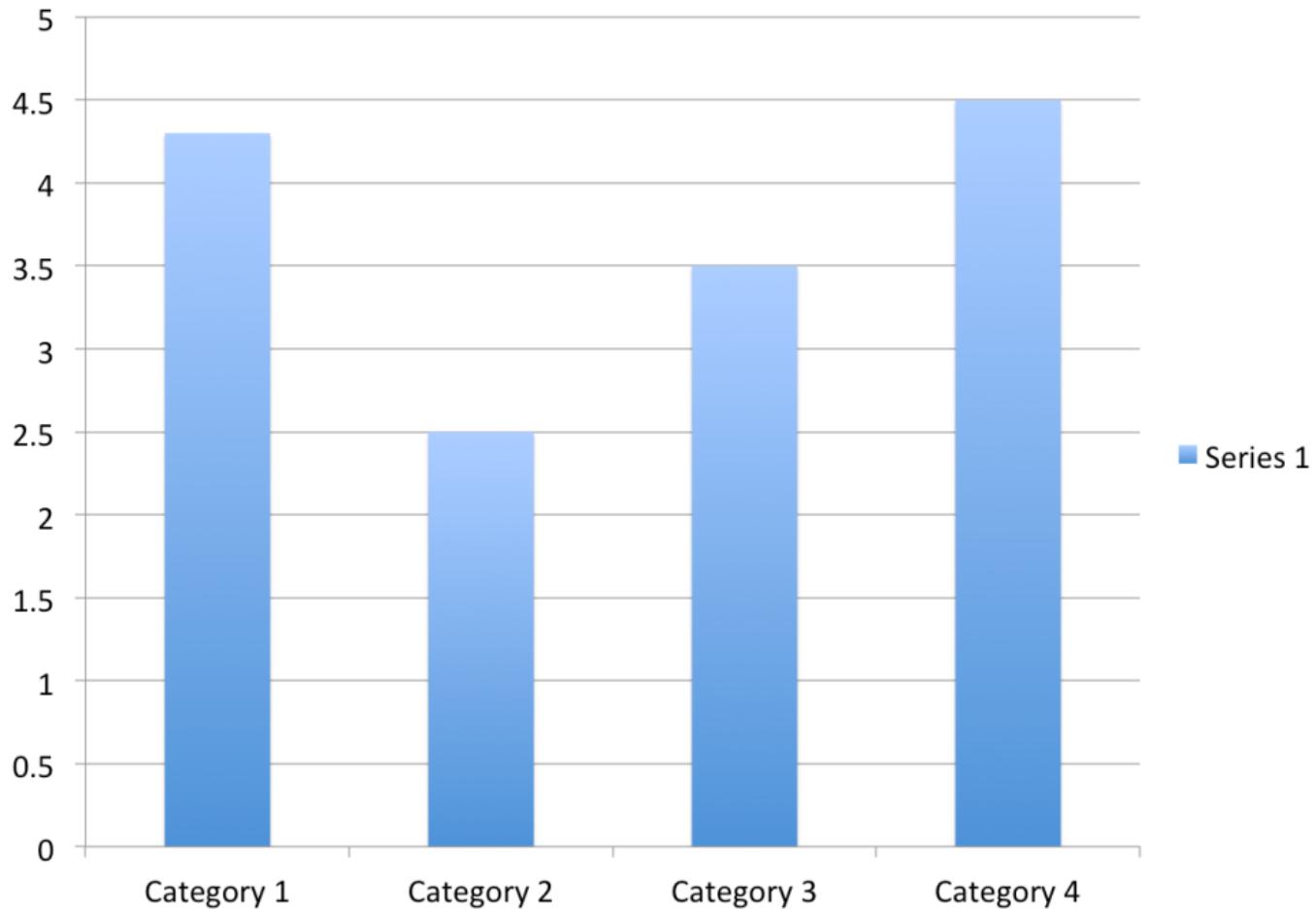
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## Precision tip: never use multiple pie charts



Conservative



Moderate



Aggressive



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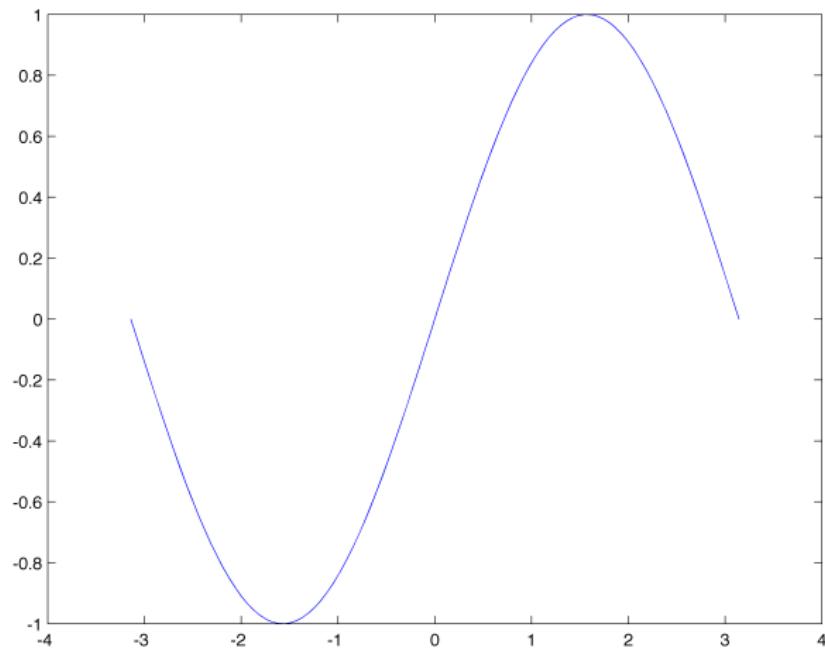
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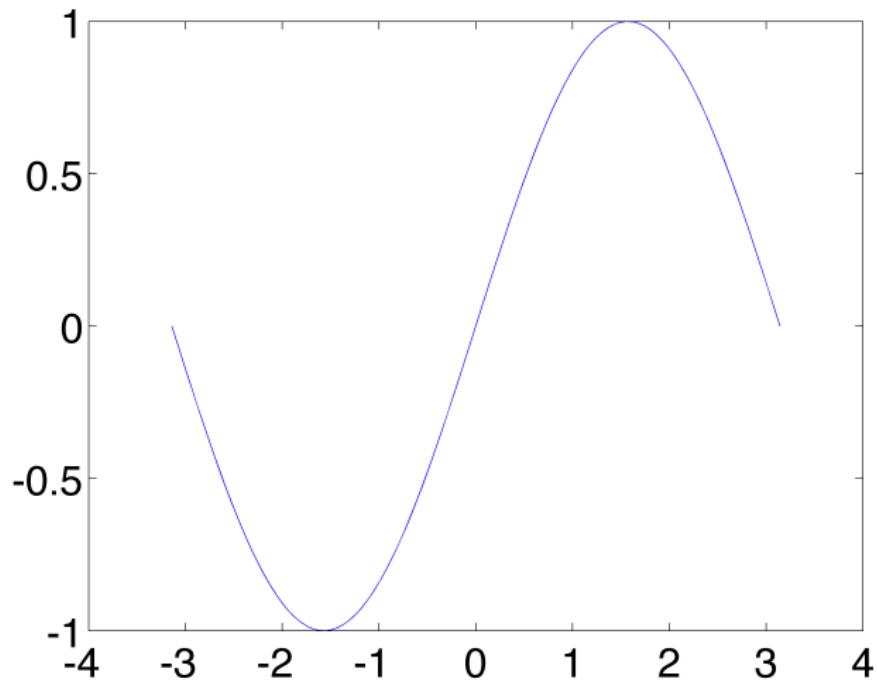
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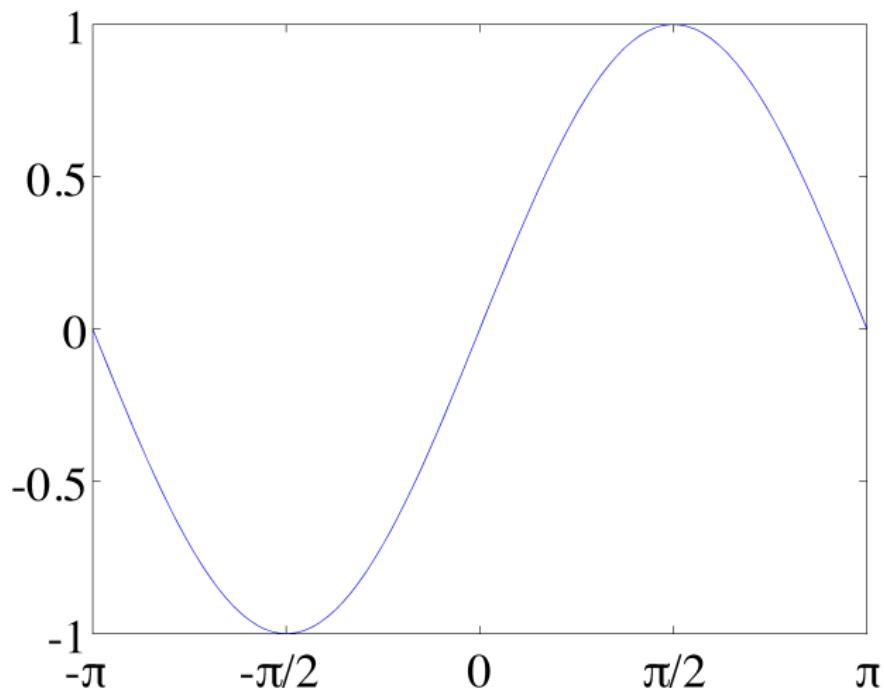
Here you see the sine function, plotted in the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  using Matlab's default settings



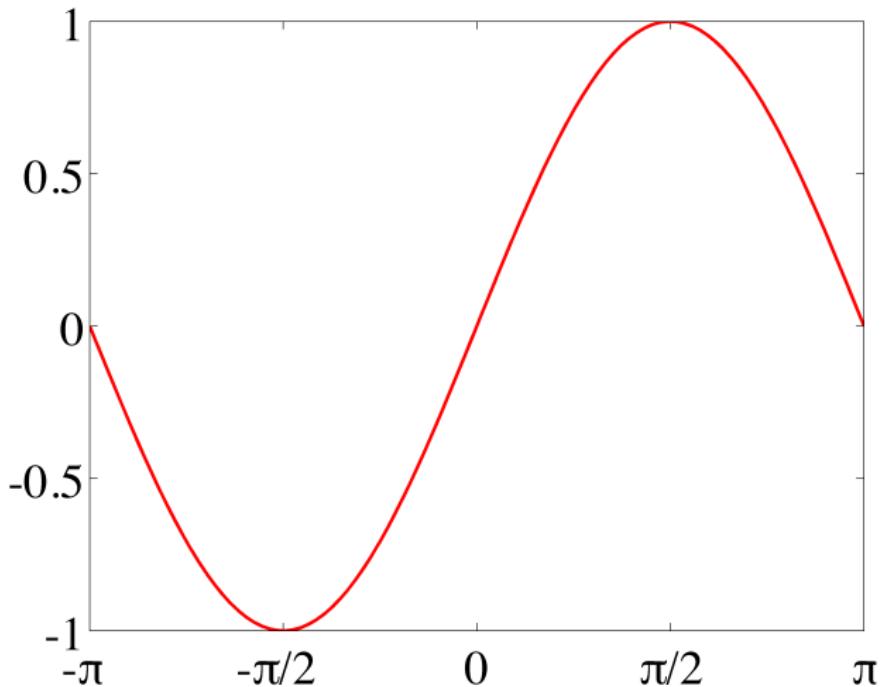
**Let's make the numbers larger  
so you can see them properly**



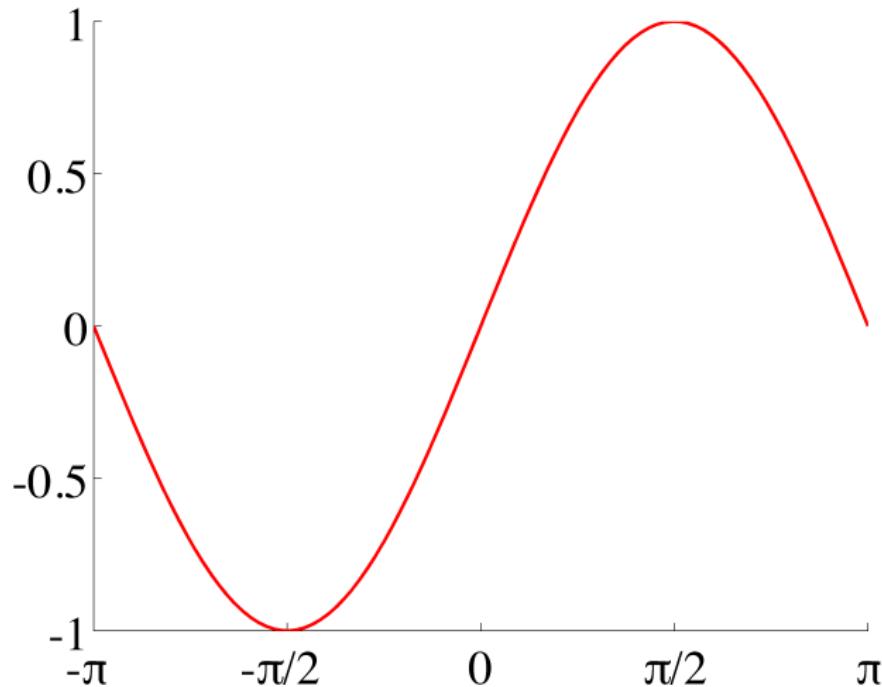
Actually, we could show tickmarks that are more relevant for this particular function



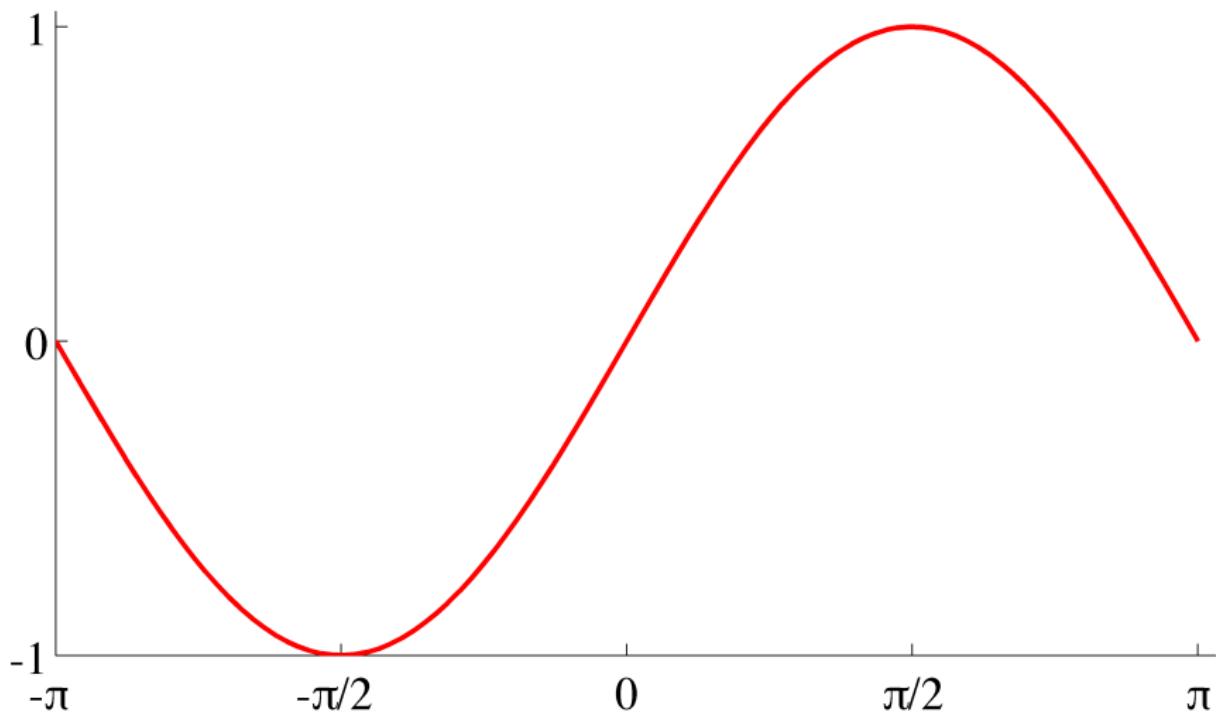
Here we emphasize the data (sine function) over the surrounding structure



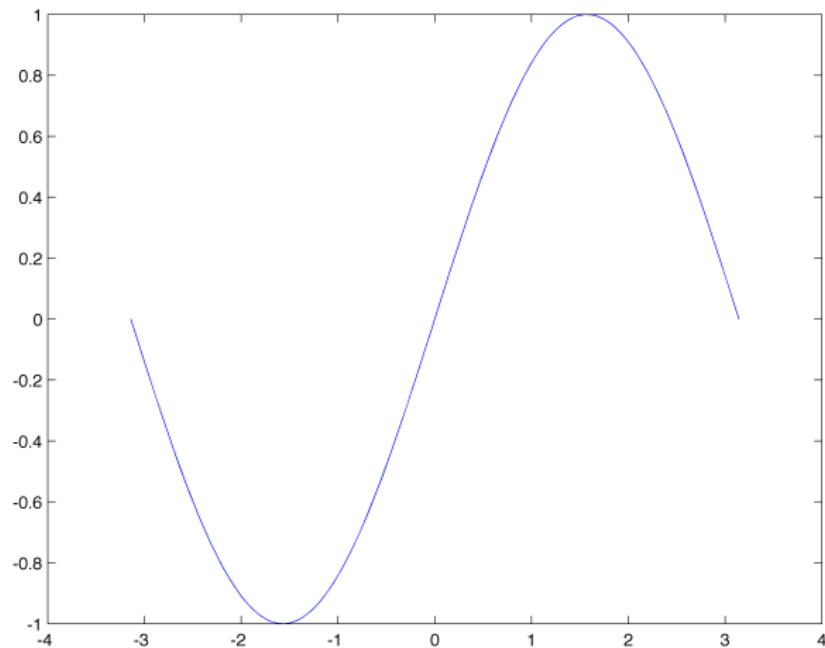
The box around the plot is not carrying relevant information, so we remove it



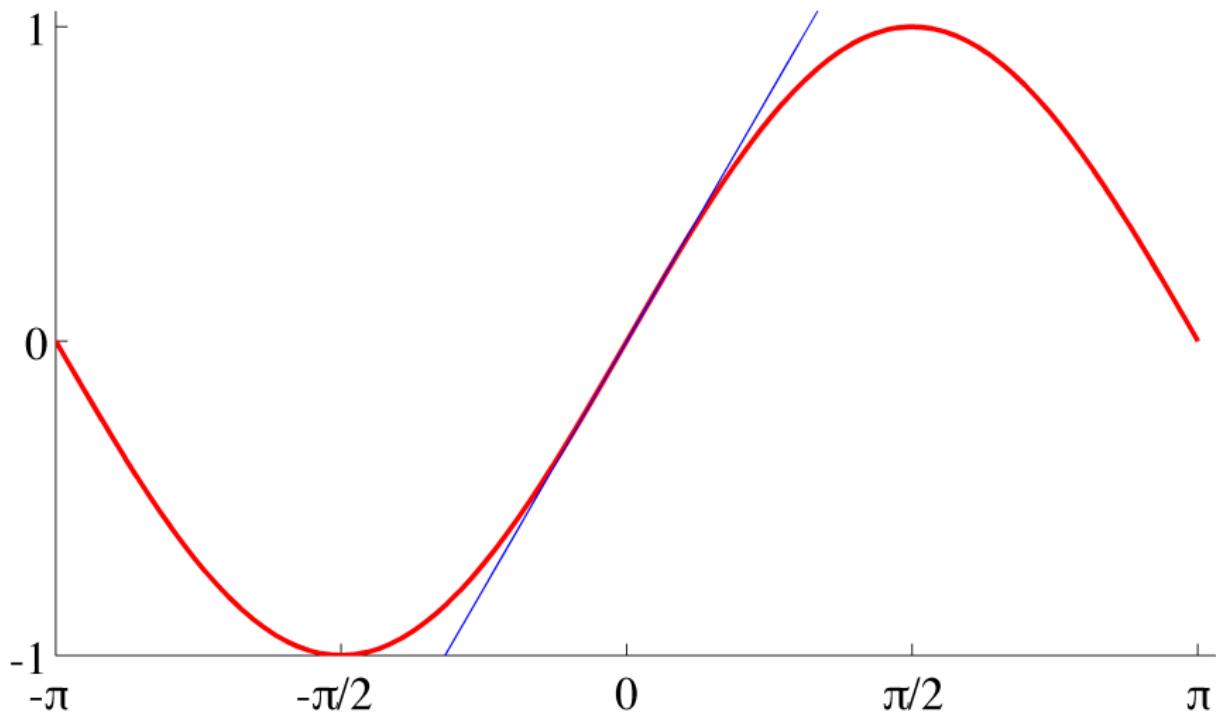
**Finally, we use all available space  
we have on this presentation slide**



**Compare to the original plot where we used Matlab's default settings**

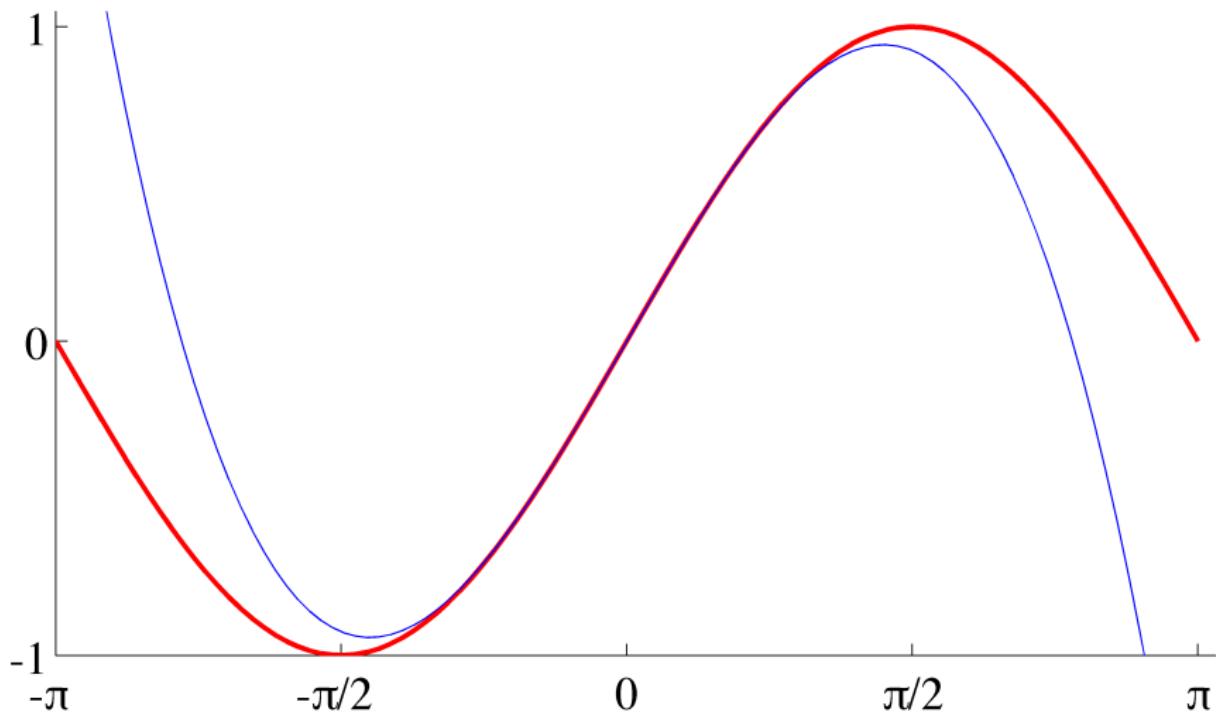


No we can consider adding more functions,  
such as the first-order Taylor series around zero



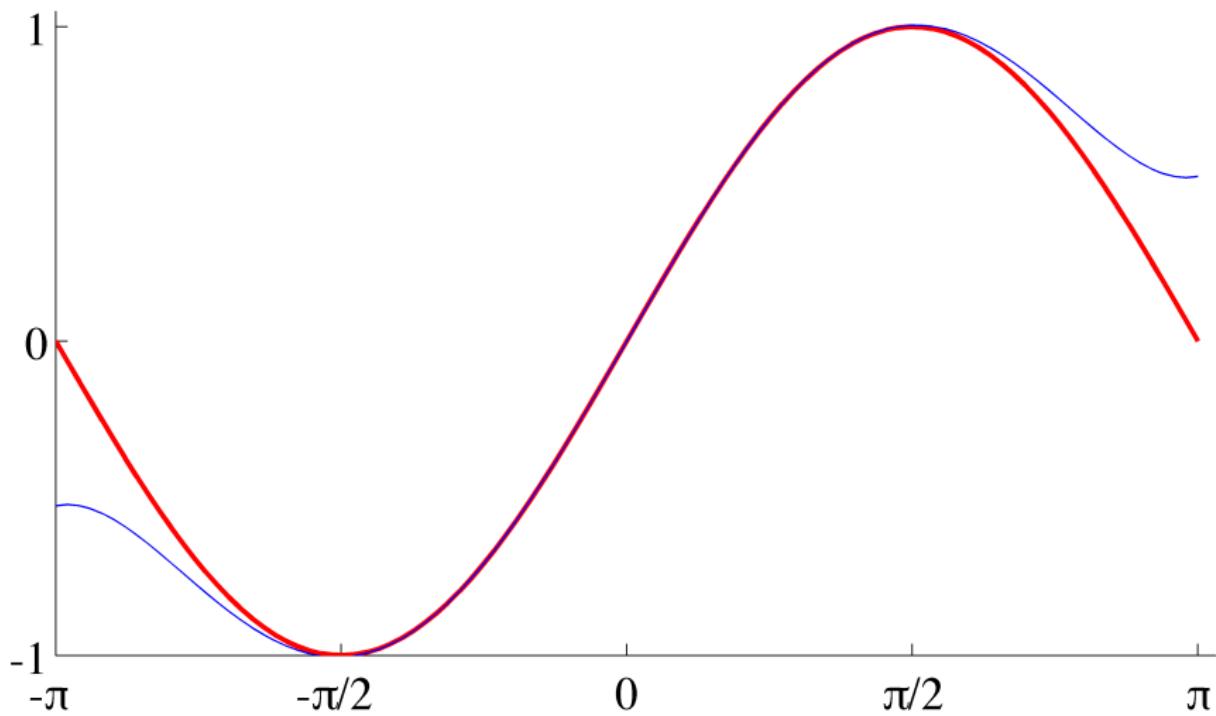
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$$\sin x \approx x - x^3/6$$

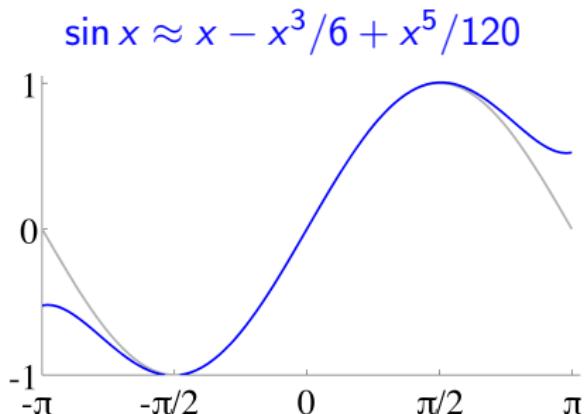
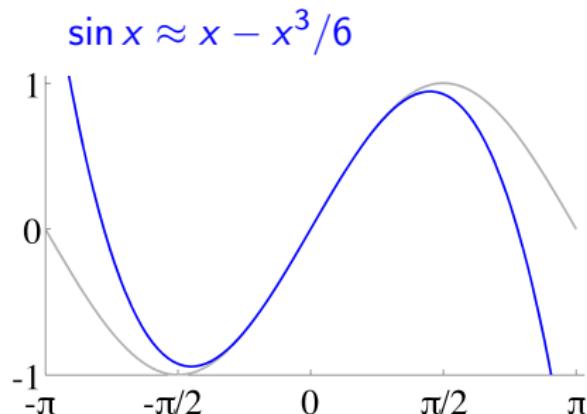
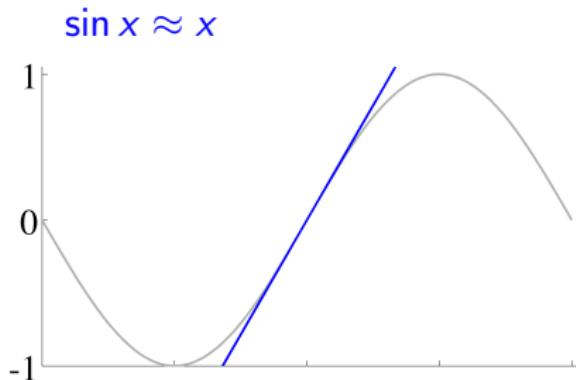
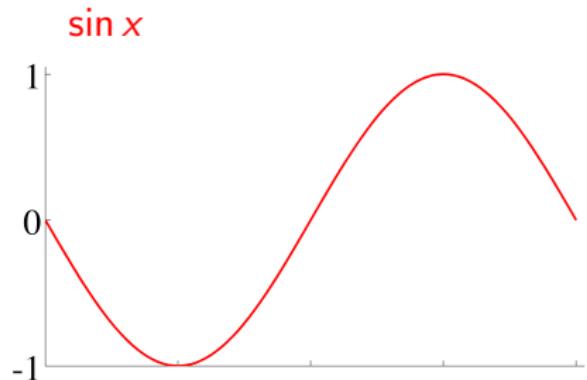


**Here is the fifth-order approximation**

$$\sin x \approx x - x^3/6 + x^5/120$$



# Here is a small-multiple approach



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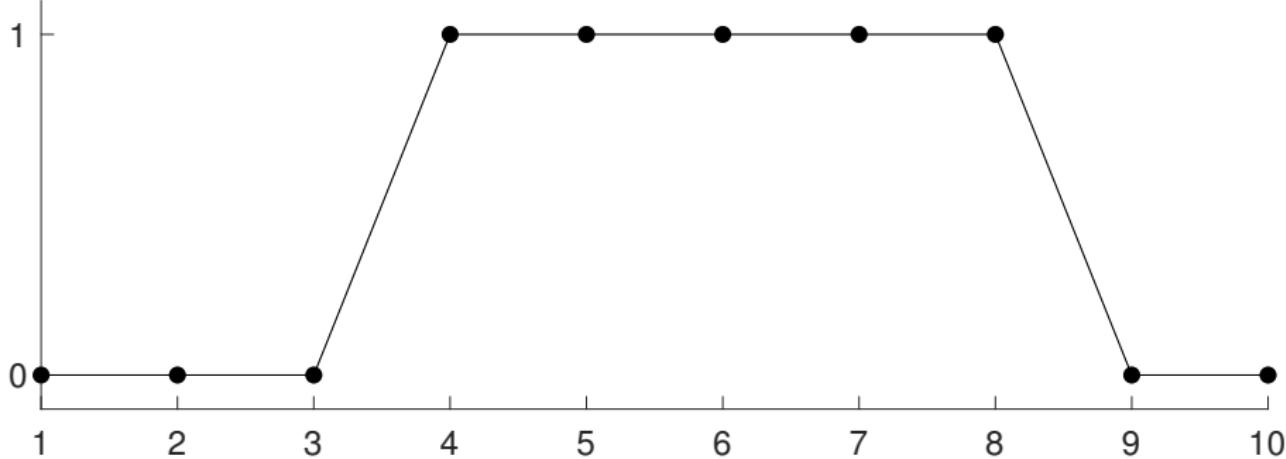
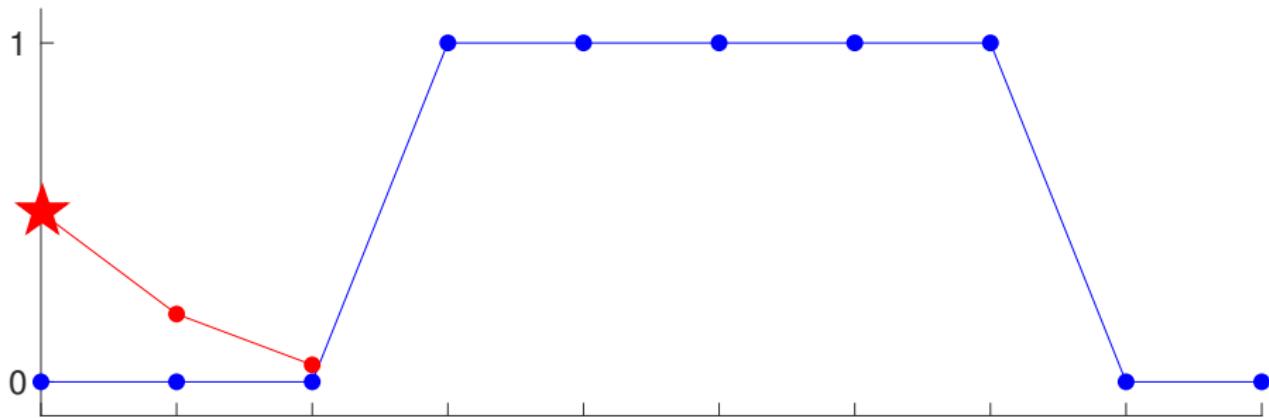
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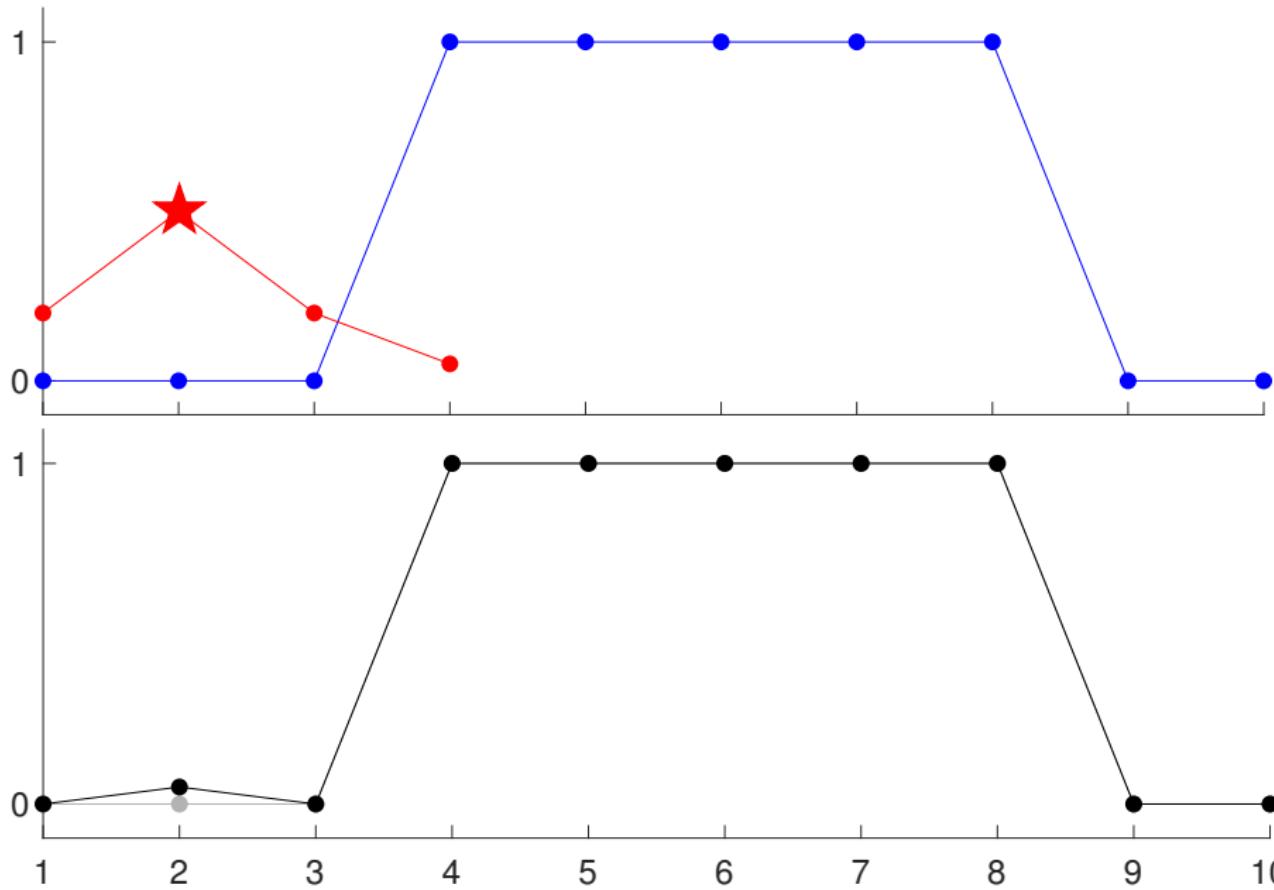
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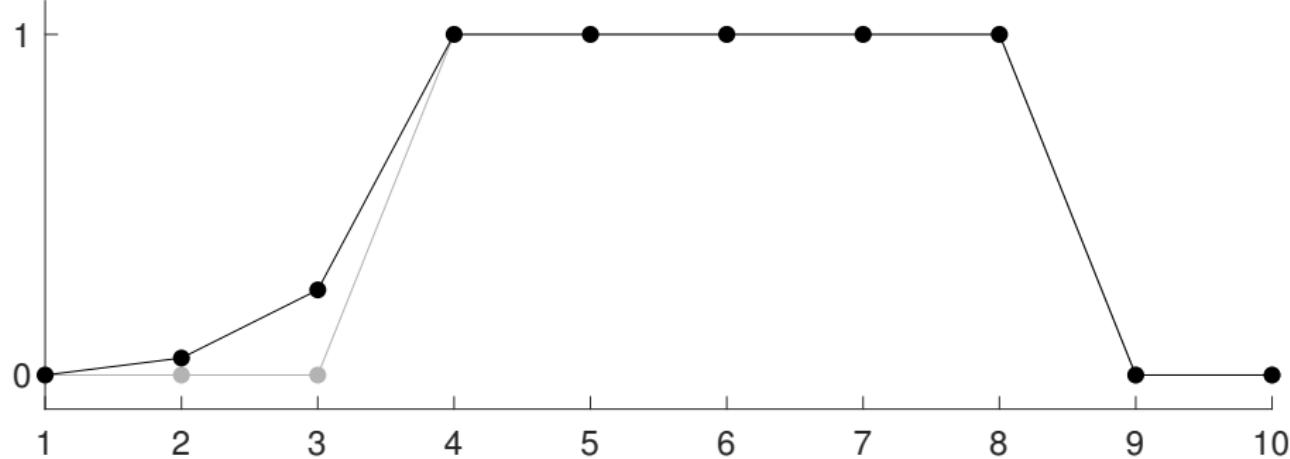
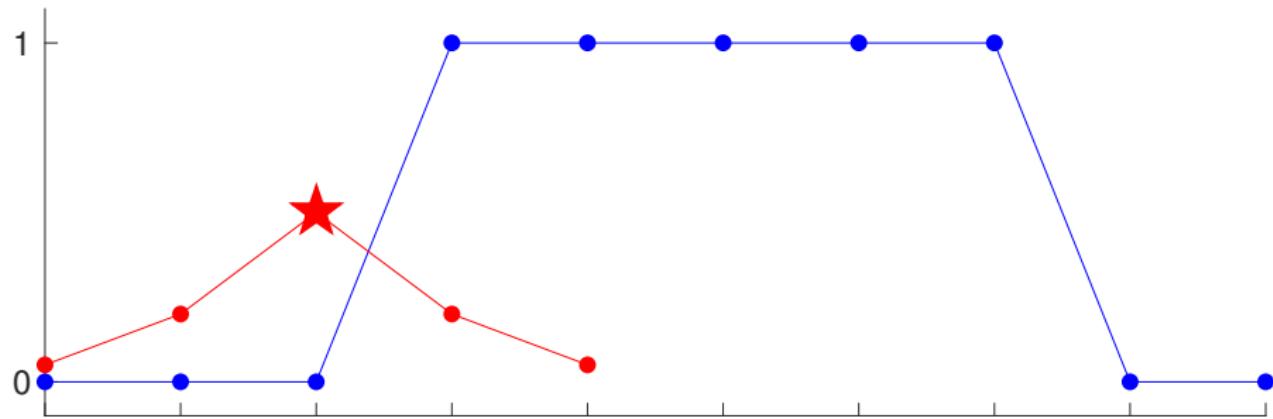
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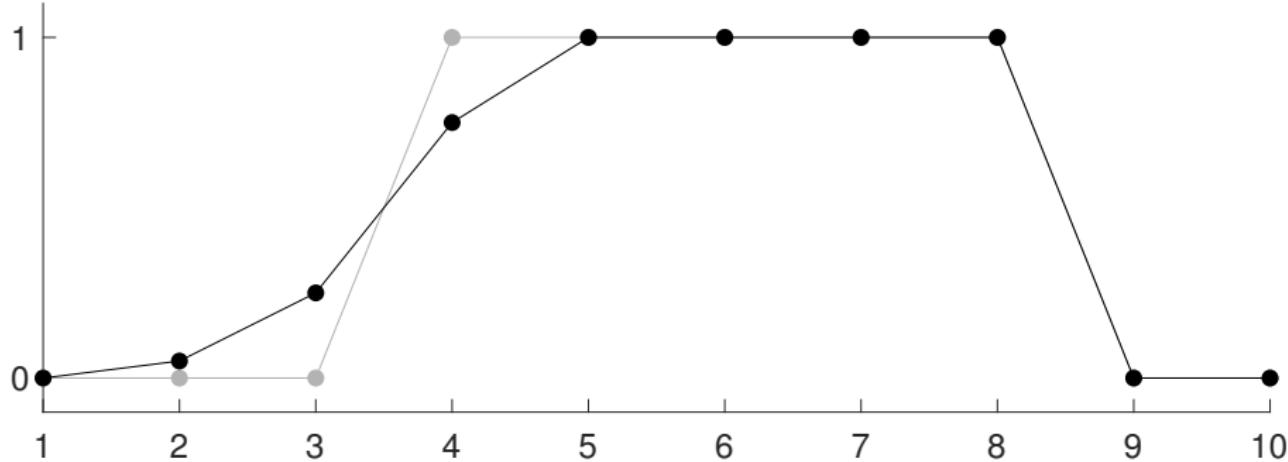
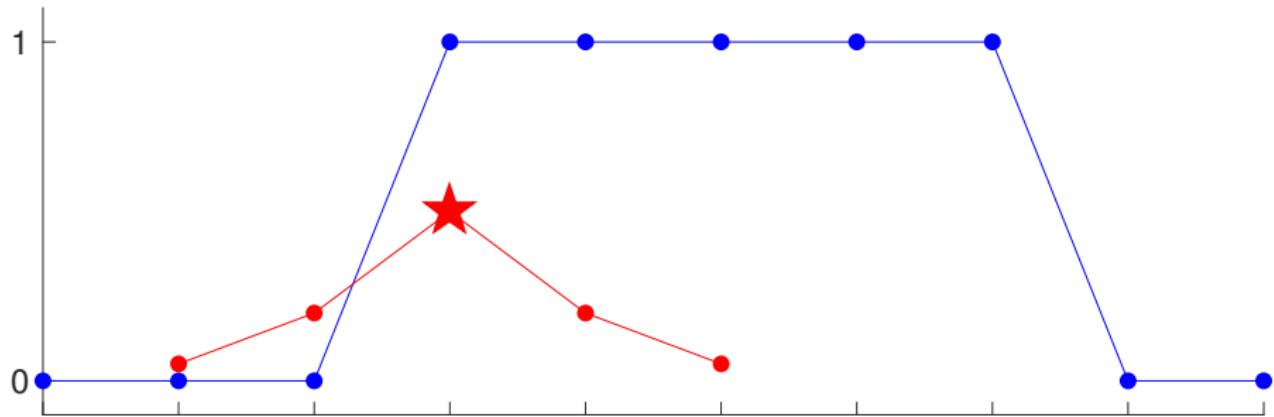
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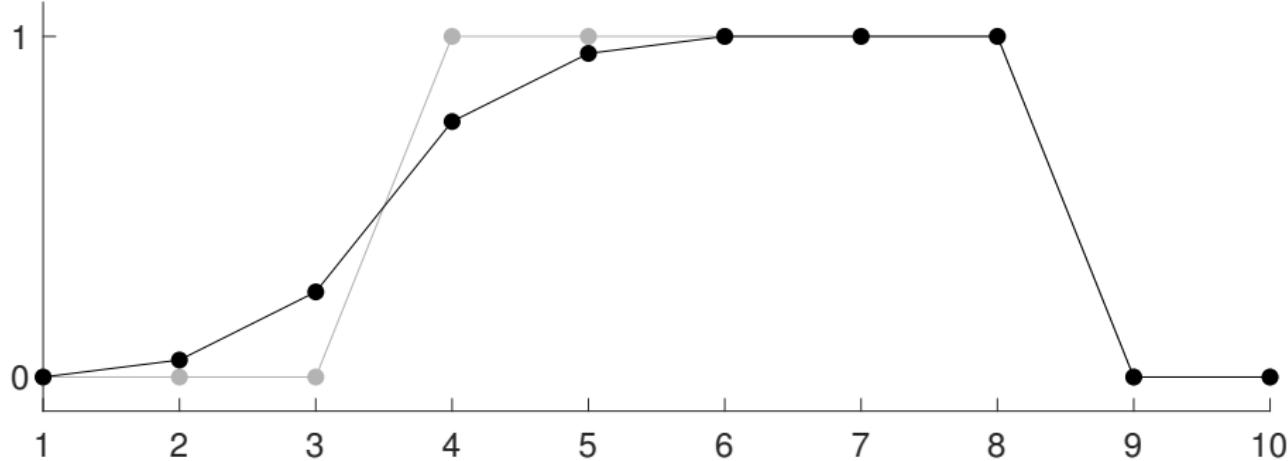
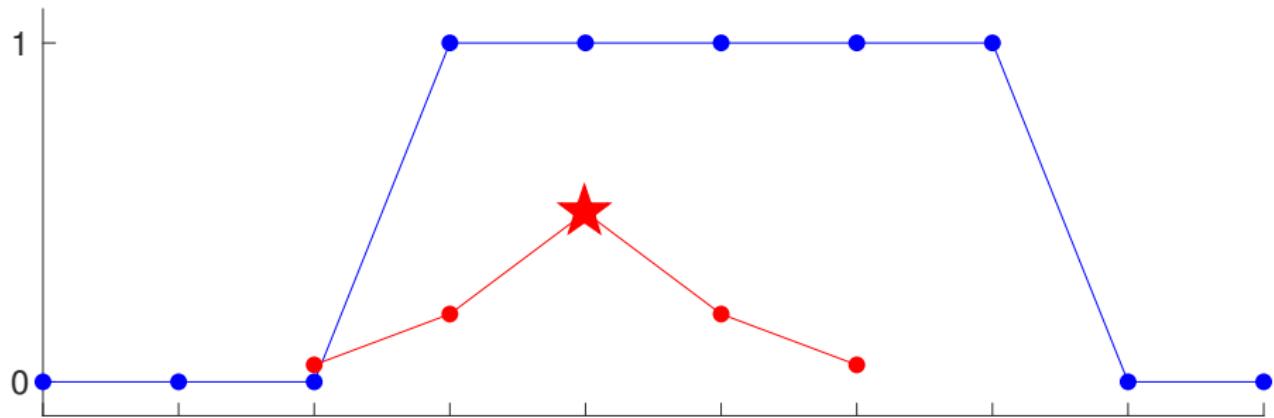
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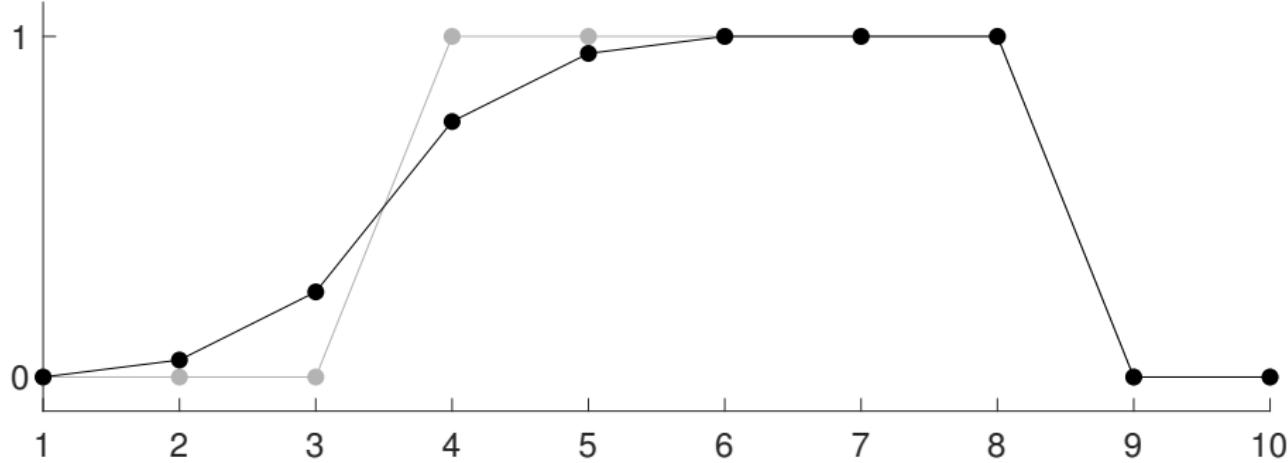
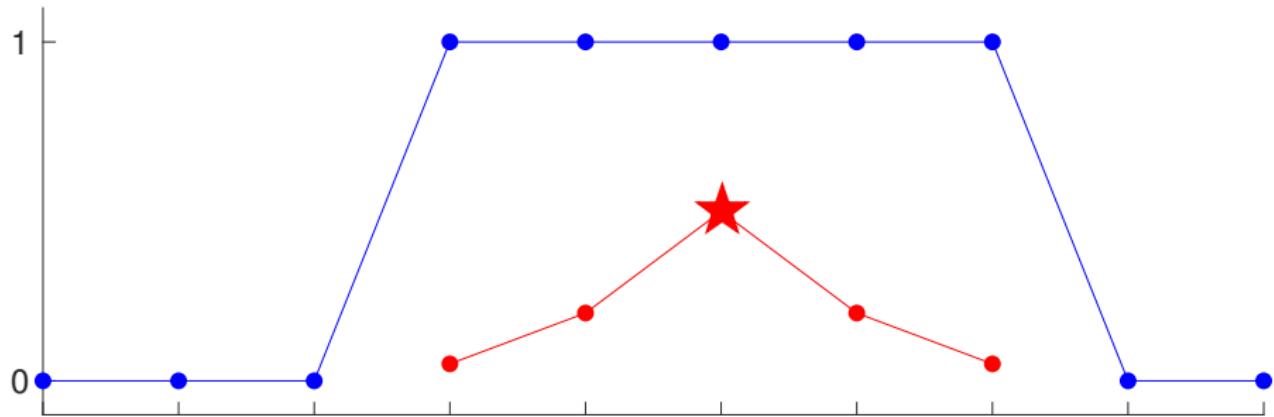
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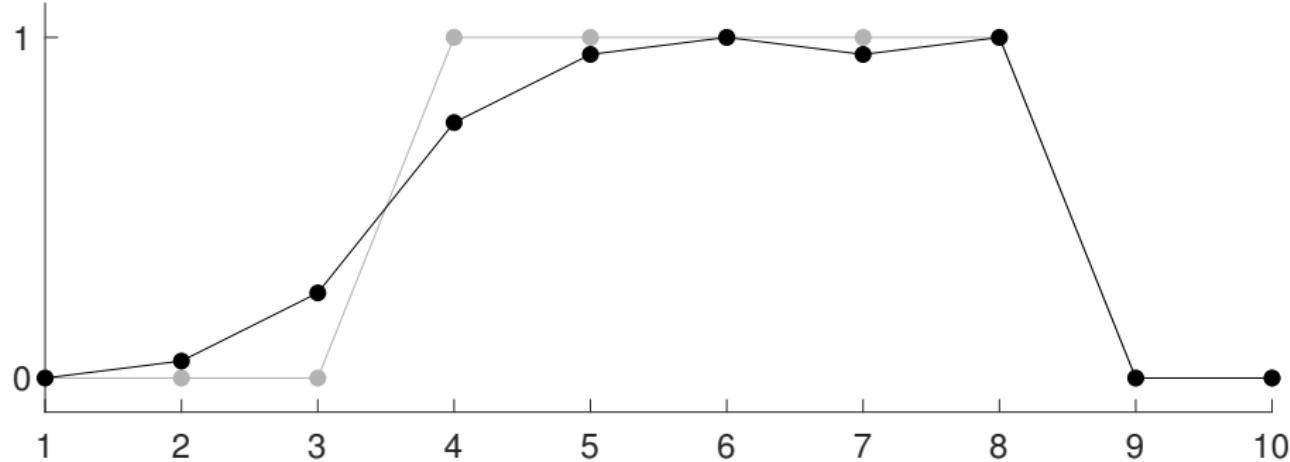
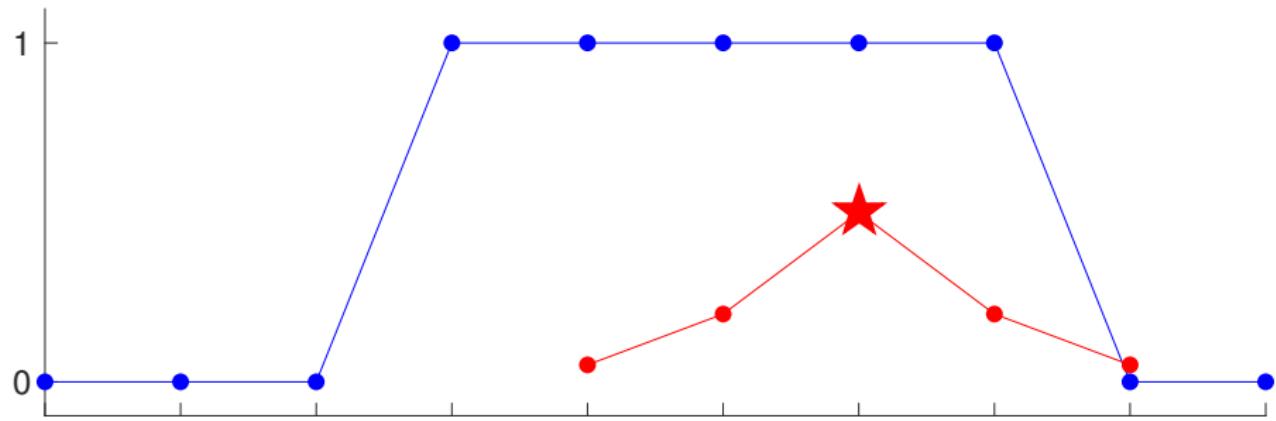
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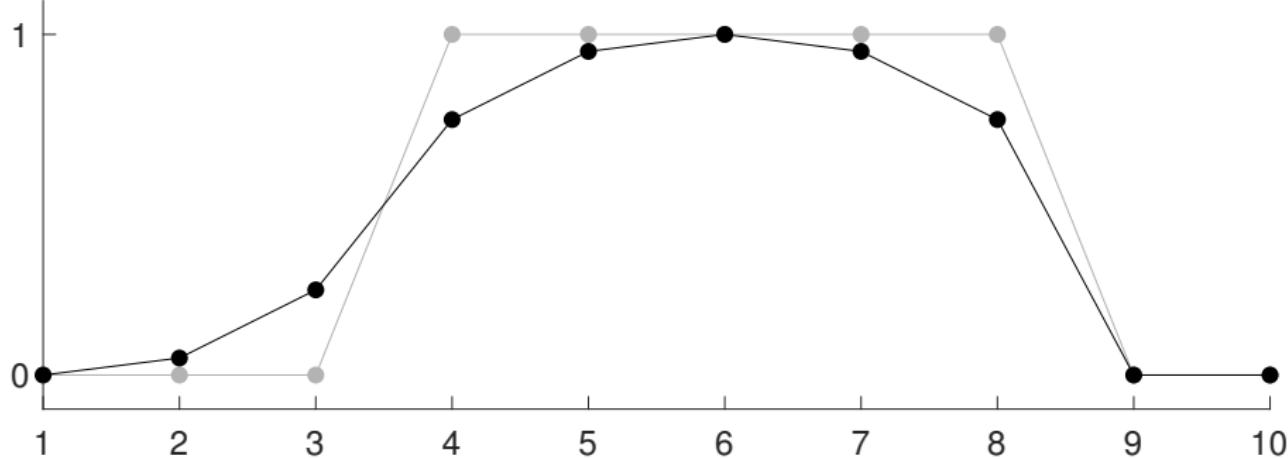
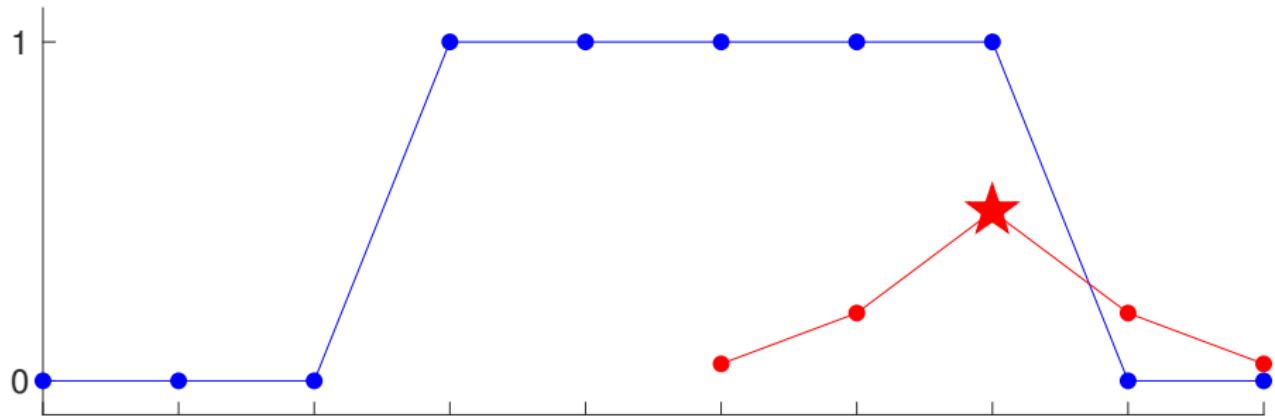
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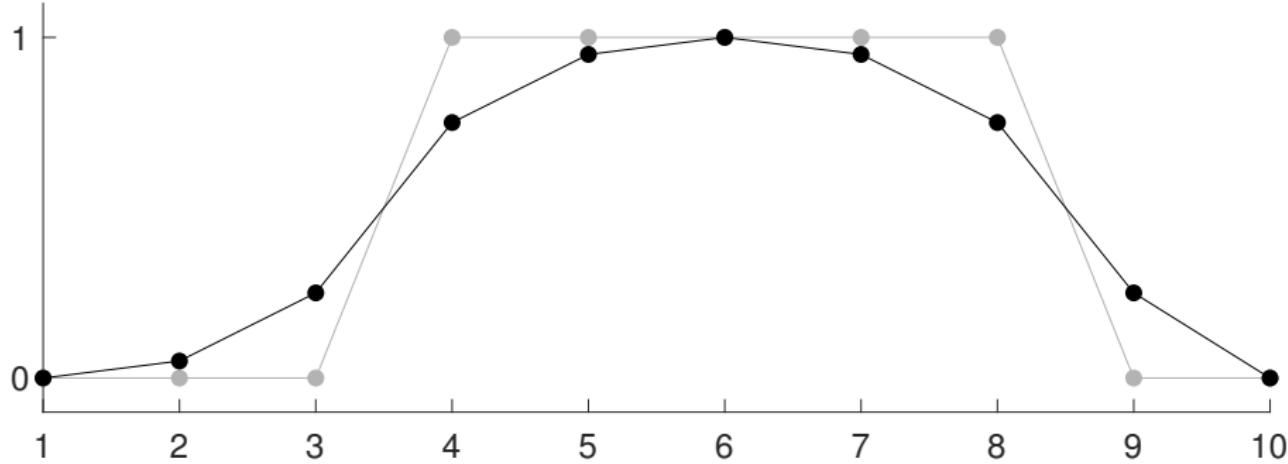
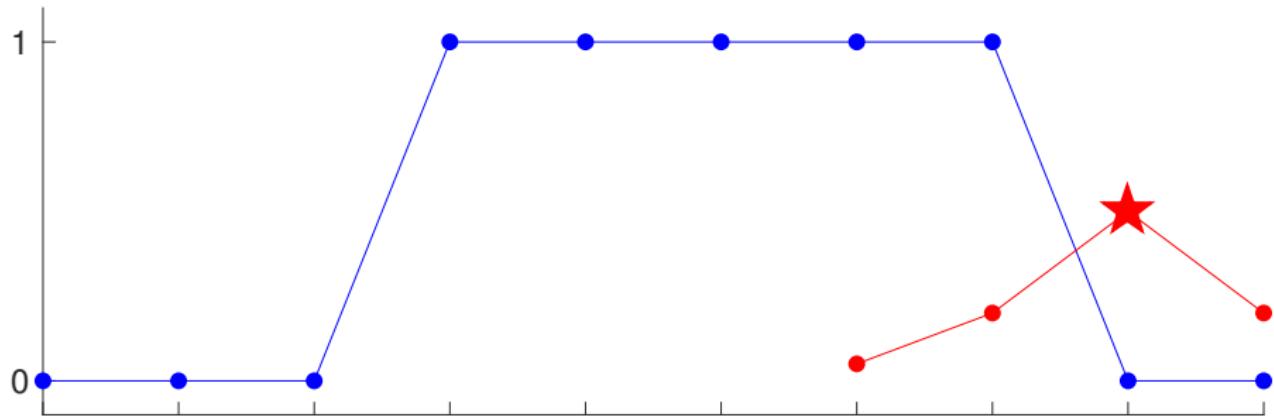
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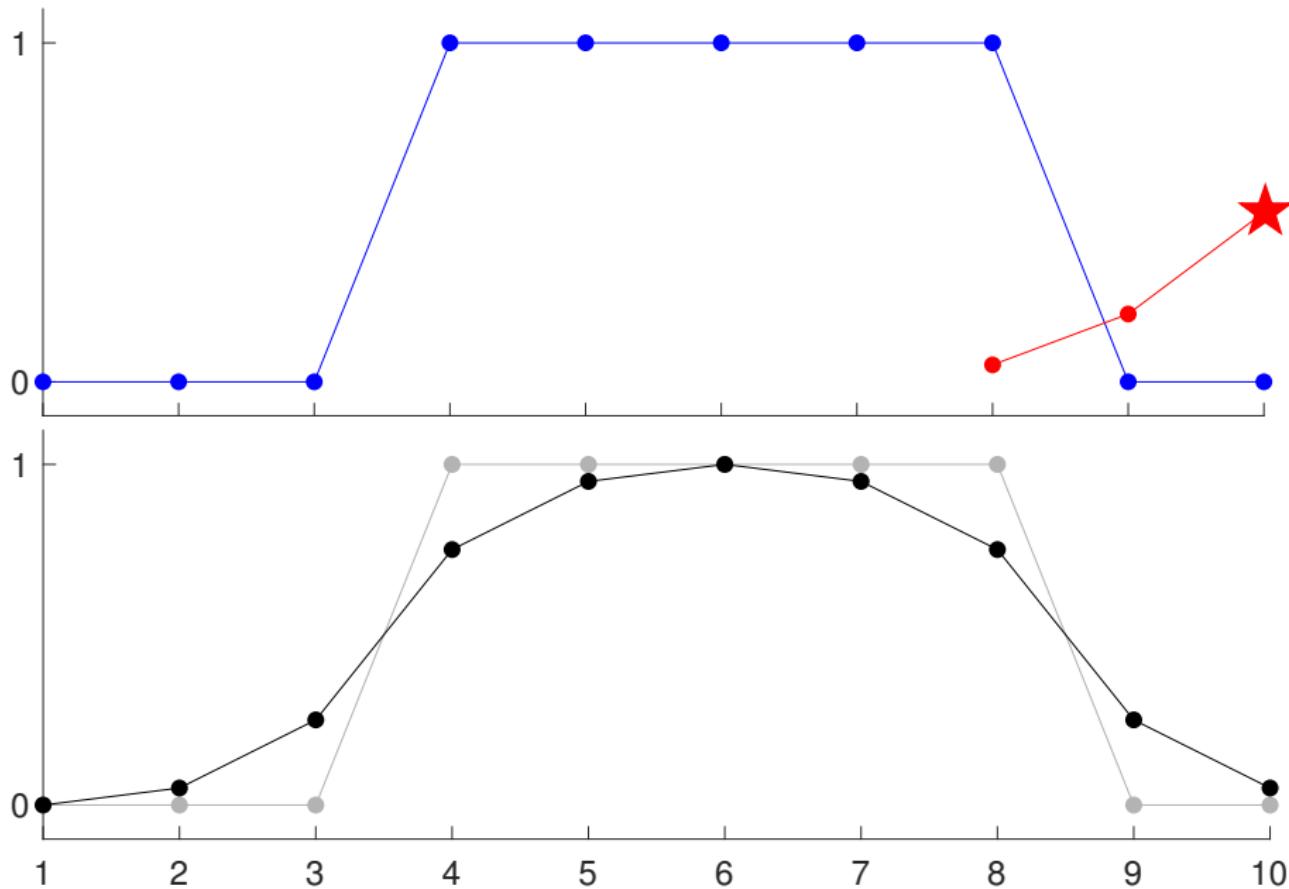
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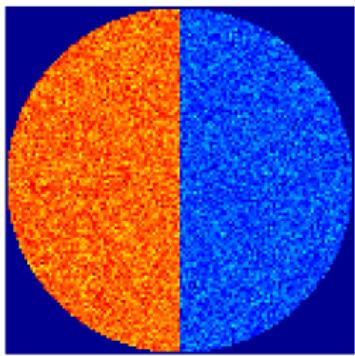
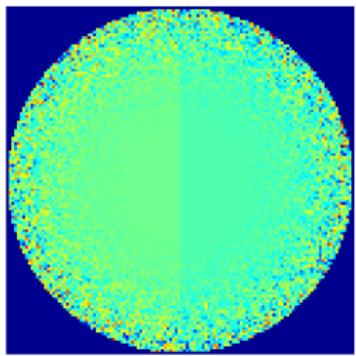
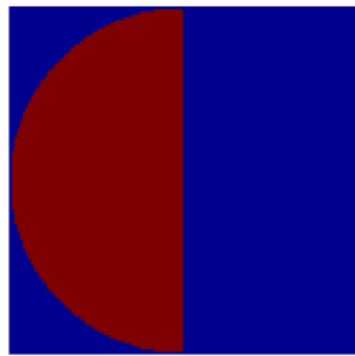
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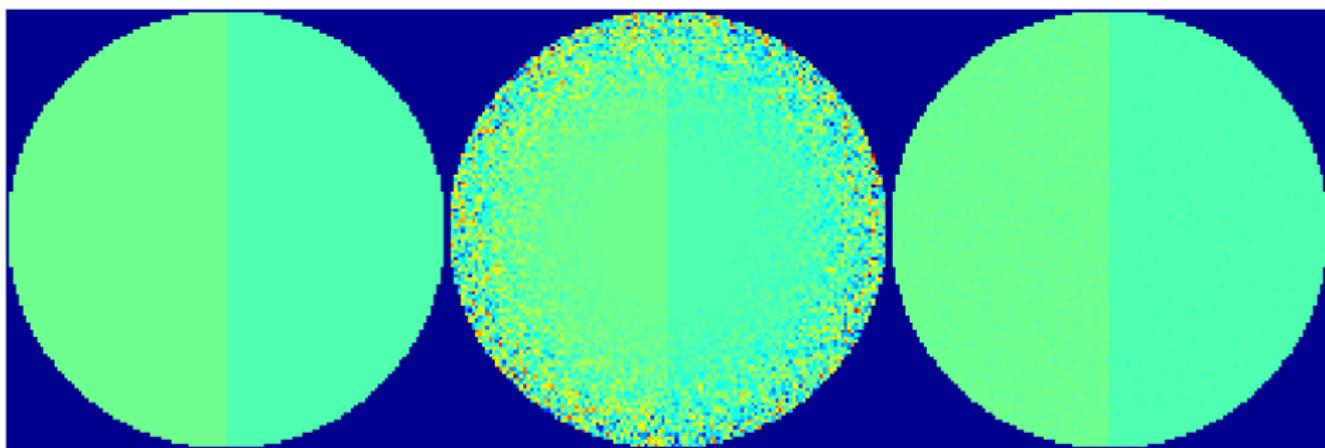
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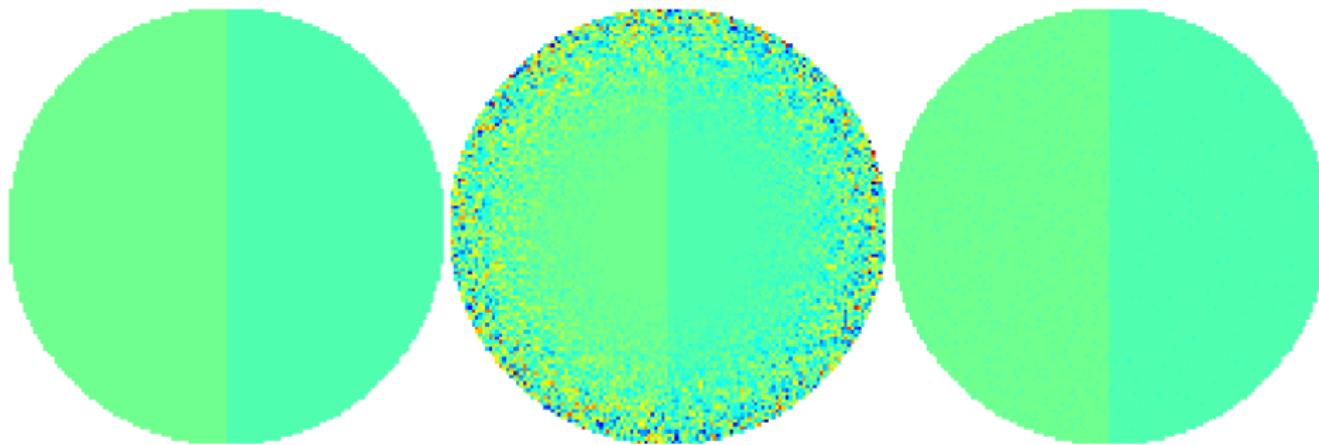
**Consider these three images: true image,  
bad approximation and better approximation**



Let us show the images on the same colormap;  
then the same color corresponds to the same value



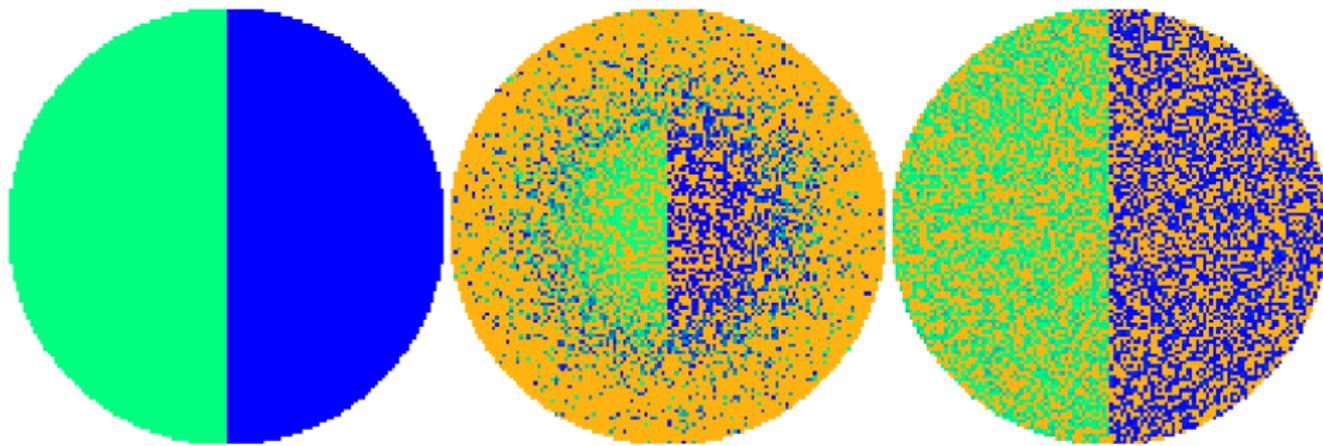
Before addressing the color-value issue,  
let us replace the background color by white



Now we let the true image determine a nice colormap, and out-of-range values are white



We can have a different out-of-range color  
to avoid blending the middle image to background



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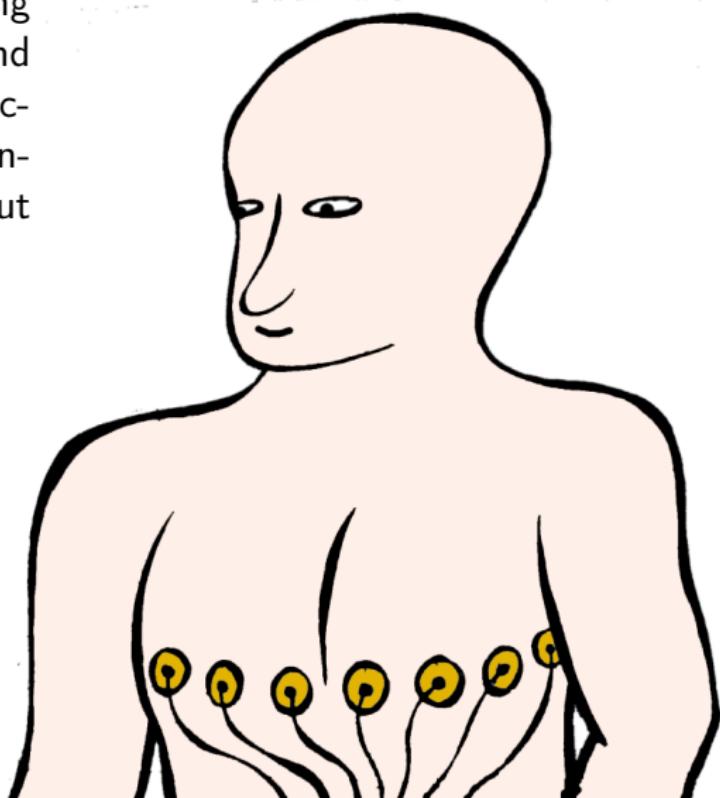
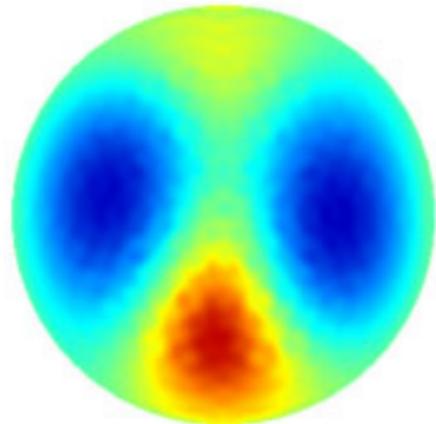
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# This talk concentrates on applications of EIT to chest imaging

Medical applications: monitoring cardiac activity, lung function, and pulmonary perfusion. Also, electrocardiography (ECG) can be enhanced using knowledge about conductivity distribution.



EIT can perhaps be used for imaging changes in vocal folds due to dehydration

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# The mathematical model of EIT is the inverse conductivity problem introduced by Calderón

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be the unit disc and let conductivity  $\sigma : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfy

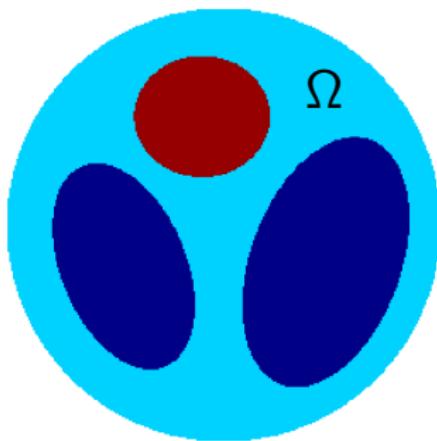
$$0 < M^{-1} \leq \sigma(z) \leq M.$$

Applying voltage  $f$  at the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  leads to the elliptic PDE

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla u = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = f. \end{cases}$$

Boundary measurements are modelled by the Dirichlet-to-Neumann map

$$\Lambda_\sigma : f \mapsto \sigma \frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}}|_{\partial\Omega}.$$



Calderón's problem is to recover  $\sigma$  from the knowledge of  $\Lambda_\sigma$ . It is a nonlinear and ill-posed inverse problem.

## Infinite-precision data:

Solve boundary integral equation

$$\psi(\cdot, k)|_{\partial\Omega} = e^{ikz} - \mathcal{S}_k(\Lambda_\sigma - \Lambda_1)\psi$$

for every complex number  $k \in \mathbb{C} \setminus 0$ .

## Practical data:

Solve boundary integral equation

$$\psi^\delta(\cdot, k)|_{\partial\Omega} = e^{ikz} - \mathcal{S}_k(\Lambda_\sigma^\delta - \Lambda_1)\psi^\delta$$

for all  $0 < |k| < R = -\frac{1}{10} \log \delta$ .

Evaluate the scattering transform:

$$\mathbf{t}(k) = \int_{\partial\Omega} e^{i\bar{k}\bar{z}} (\Lambda_\sigma - \Lambda_1) \psi(\cdot, k) ds.$$

For  $|k| \geq R$  set  $\mathbf{t}_R^\delta(k) = 0$ . For  $|k| < R$

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Fix  $z \in \Omega$ . Solve D-bar equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{k}} \mu(z, k) = \frac{\mathbf{t}(k)}{4\pi k} e^{-i(kz + \bar{k}\bar{z})} \overline{\mu(z, k)}$$

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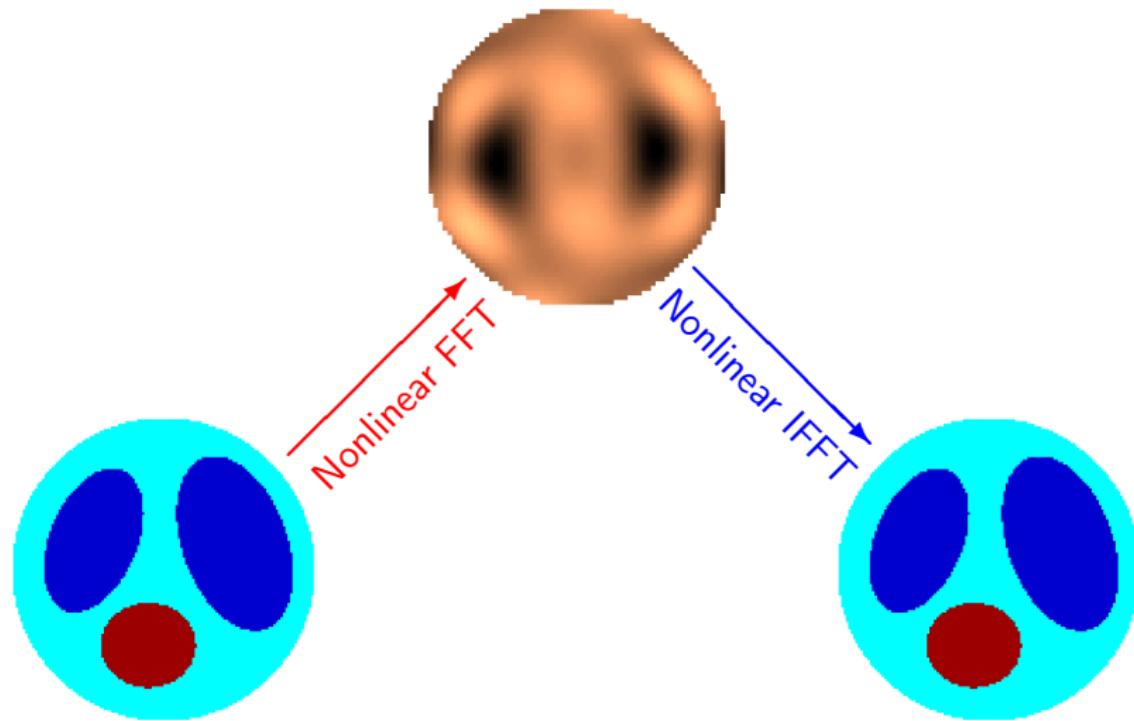
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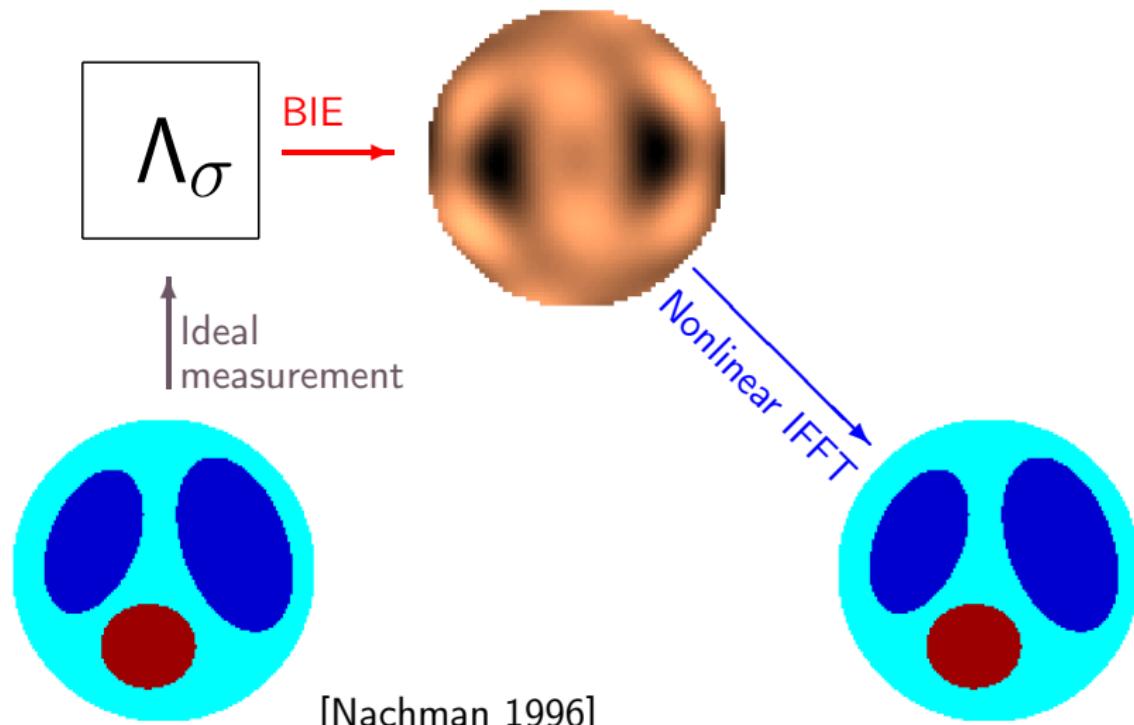
Reconstruct:  $\sigma(z) = (\mu(z, 0))^2$ .

Set  $\Gamma_{1/R(\delta)}(\Lambda_\sigma^\delta) := (\mu_R^\delta(z, 0))^2$ .

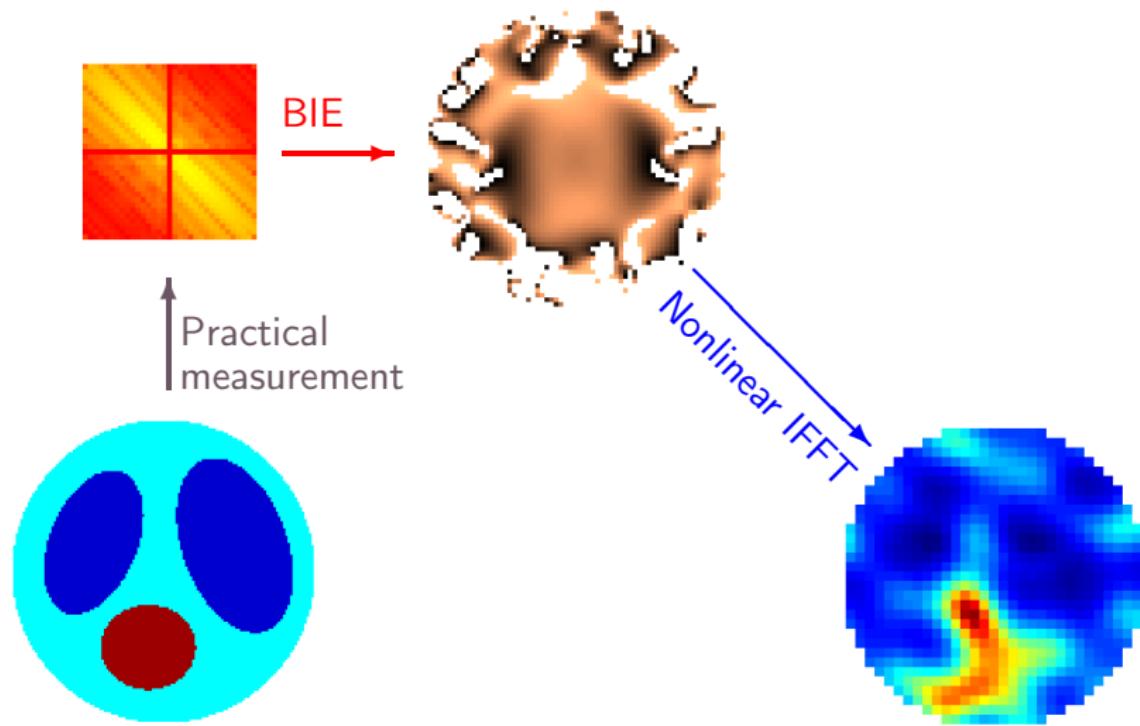
There exists a nonlinear Fourier transform  
adapted to electrical impedance tomography



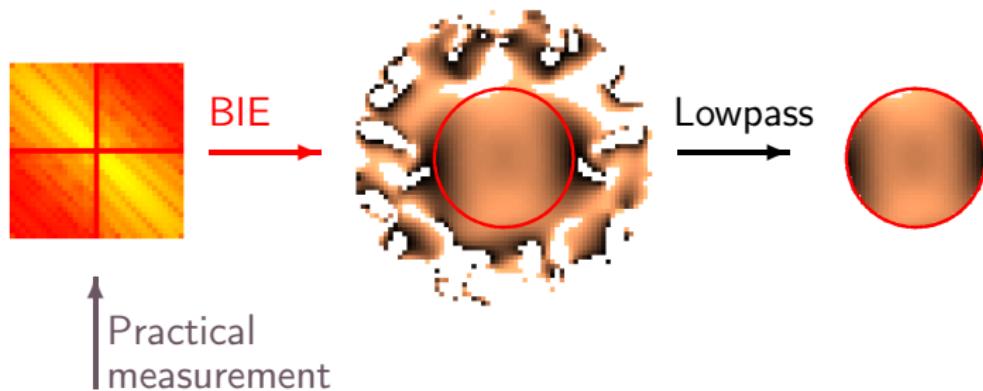
# The nonlinear Fourier transform can be recovered from infinite-precision EIT measurements



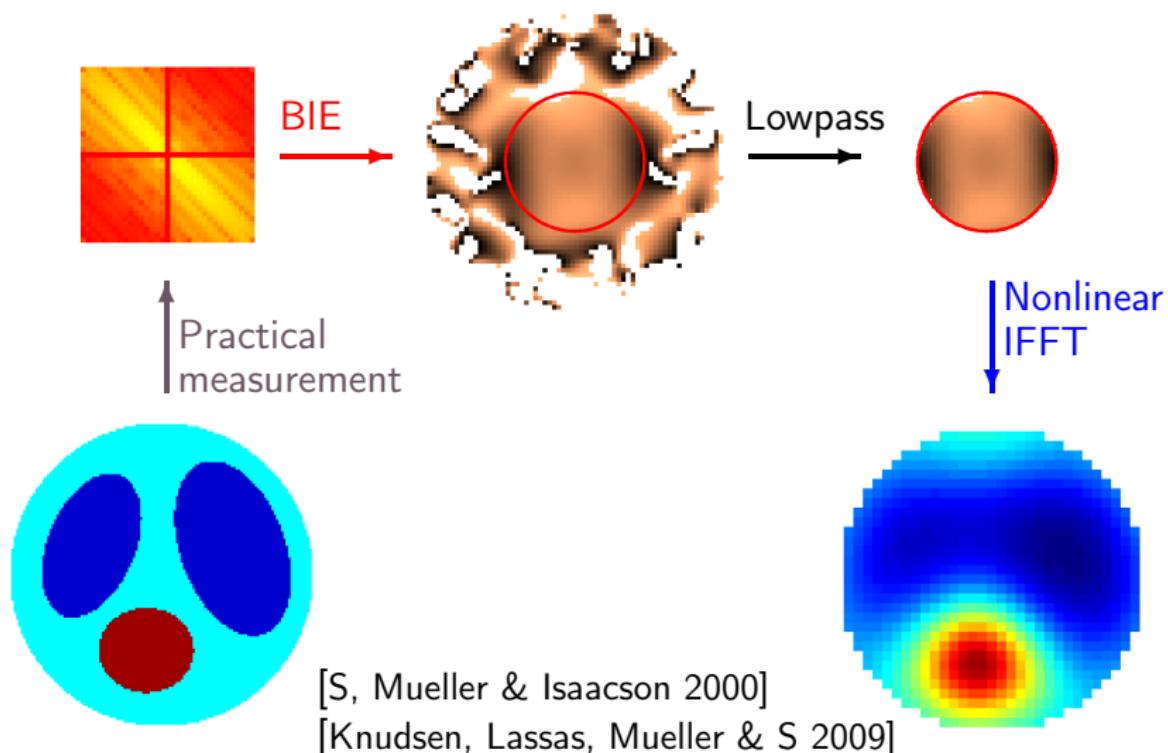
# Measurement noise prevents the recovery of the nonlinear Fourier transform at high frequencies



We truncate away the bad part in the transform;  
this is a nonlinear low-pass filter



There is currently only one regularized method for reconstructing the full conductivity distribution



## Useful links

Blog post: Plotting a function of one variable

Blog post: Displaying Image Data for Comparison

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